

REMARKS

This application was originally filed on 28 December 2001 with twenty claims, two of which were written in independent form. No claims have been allowed.

Claims 12-15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Claims 12, 13 and 15 have been amended to overcome this rejection.

Claims 1 and 12-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,266,178 to Huffman et al. ("Huffman"). The Examiner stated Claims 2 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 2 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 1, except for the limitation of a DRAM memory cell. Claim 12 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 1 and the limitations of Claim 17. All remaining claims depend from either Claim 2 or Claim 12 and should be deemed allowable for that reason and on their own merits.

In view of the amendments and the remarks presented herewith, it is believed that the claims currently in the application accord with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and are allowable over the prior art of record. Therefore, it is urged that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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